

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Koiwai et al.

Application No.: 10/001,397

Confirmation No.: 1943

Filed: October 25, 2001

For: LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE INTO
AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH
TO ELIMINATE DELETERIOUS LIGHT
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE
LENS

Group: 2873

Examiner: Timothy J. Thompson

Our File: IPO-P1132.1

Date: December 12, 2007

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2007 and a telephone conversation with Examiner Ed Westin conducted on December 11, 2007.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: